

The West Watch

Neighborhood Group

THE REPORTER

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**WEST END YOUTH CENTER
20TH AND GREENLEAF STREETS
MEETING 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH**

NEXT MEETING: 7 P.M. TUESDAY, APRIL 13TH

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Sean O'Keefe	Board Member

This Month's Guest Speaker

Get ready for this month's speaker...a representative from The City of Allentown's Code Enforcement Department will be presenting to us. Come prepared to learn of our city's various codes and how we can address any problems we encounter.

A Word From Our President

This is my last president's message, and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your interest and support of The West Watch this past year. At our last meeting, Mayor Pawolowski commented that we are known for having consistently high attendance at our meetings and for being an active group. I want to thank the people who kept TWW going by serving as officers and board members this past year – Anne, Bob, Brenda, Kathryn, Nick, Sean and Stephen – and the newsletter distributors – what a dedicated group you are! And I look forward to being part of another year of growth for TWW and hope you will join us. -Pam



YES!! I am very pleased with the work that the West Watch Neighborhood Group is doing and I would like to make a donation to support their many efforts such as the newsletter, meetings, and community events



SORRY. I am not able to help the West Watch Neighborhood Group with a financial contribution at this time but I would like to help in other ways. Please contact me with how I can help.

You can make your check or money order payable to:

The West Watch Neighborhood Group
& Send it to:
809 N 20th St.
Allentown, PA 18104

WELCOME NEW OFFICERS!

During our March meeting, elections for officers and board members were held. We welcome Gerry Alfano as president, Pam Palmer as vice-president, George Sheaffer as secretary and Bob Berner remains as treasurer. Additional board members are as follows: Anne Gerber, Kathryn O'Keefe and Sean O'Keefe.

Important Information about Cell Phone Usage

Effective now, no person shall use a mobile phone or wireless communication device in any way, including for voice communication, messaging or emailing: a. while operating a motor vehicle on any Street within the City; b. while using a skateboard, scooter, inline skates or bicycle on any Street within the City. Exceptions: a. persons using a hands-free device; b. using a mobile telephone to call "911" in an emergency; c. using a mobile phone while parked in a parking spot and not in gear. For the official ordinance, please visit www.allentownpa.gov Please be smart and obey the law!

March Meeting Minutes

The guest speaker in March was the mayor. In his fiscal statement, he noted that this is the 5th year with no property tax increase. In terms of public safety, Mayor Pawlowski noted that we have 19 new police officers and that the city has expanded the camera program; each new camera typically yields a 20% reduction in crime! Perhaps the most notable portion of his presentation was in regards to our city's economic development—the bridge connecting American Parkway is going to be built, the theatre district is being re-developed and a train network is in the works for the Lehigh Valley.

Numbers To Know

Police-Fire-Ambulance	911
Police –Non-emergency	610-437-7751
Police—Vice Unit	610-437-7726
Mayor Pawlowski	610-437-7546
Noise Complaints	610-437-7751
Street Lights	610-437-7735
Weeds/Overgrown Grass	610-437-8729
Graffiti Removal/ Recycling	610-437-8729
Vacant Property Issues	610-437-7694
Zoning Violations	610-437-4360
Animal Control	610-437-7535

Yard Waste Site Information 2010 SCHEDULE

NEW Hours!

The Main Allentown Yard Waste Site is located at Fish Hatchery & Oxford Dr. and will be open as follows:

SPRING (Apr 3-May 29) Saturdays- 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

SUMMER (May 29-Sept 25) Saturdays- 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. , Wednesdays 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

FALL (Sept 25-Nov 20) Saturdays 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

WINTER (weather permitting) Feb 6, March 6, March 20, Dec 4- Saturdays 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.